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A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Government have no information.

Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur :—" With regard to answer to clause (*b*) will Government call for the information ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I shall ask the Director of Public Instruction about it. But I fear the name of the present District Educational Officer is not Abdul Hamid Khan, but Mr. Abdul Hamid Sahib. " (Laughter.)

Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur :—" May I know whether the District Educational Officer reported that the post of a special officer is necessary for popularising education among the Mappillas ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I shall cause an inquiry to be made by the Director of Public Instruction."

Introduction of a common course of study in elementary and secondary schools.

*1782 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state the steps taken so far, for the introduction of a common course of study for the two classes of institutions—standards I to V of elementary schools and classes I to V of secondary schools ?

A.—The Government have called for the information.

Modification of the course of study in higher elementary schools.

*1783 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state the steps, if any, taken up-to-date to make the course of study in higher elementary schools distinct from that in middle schools and adapt it to suit the needs of the class of pupils who will attend them ?

A.—The Government have called for the information.

Instruction in gardening and horticulture to teachers of elementary and middle schools.

*1784 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state the measures, if any, taken to give a short course of instruction in gardening and horticulture to the teachers of elementary and middle schools and the proposals, if any, submitted by the Director of Public Instruction in the matter ?

A.—Proposals for giving instruction in gardening to teachers in higher elementary and middle schools are under consideration.

Alleged irregular payment of teachers' allowances in Kurnool district.

*1785 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are making any allotment to the District Board, Kurnool, or to any of the taluk boards under it for schools maintained by them at Rs. 19 per teacher for his pay and Rs. 2 towards an additional allowance, and if not at those rates, at what other rates ; and